



BOYCOTT COLORADO

WHAT IT DID

Stripped gays, lesbians and bisexuals of any civil rights protections by any governmental entity within the State of Colorado and forbade passage of any city, county or statewide civil rights laws in the future. Here is the specific wording of the Amendment:

NO PROTECTED STATUS BASED ON HOMOSEXUAL, LESBIAN OR BISEXUAL ORIENTATION: *Neither the State of Colorado, through any of its branches or departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities or school districts, shall enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian, or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices or relationships shall constitute or otherwise be the basis of or entitle any person or class of persons to have or claim any minority status, quota preferences, protected status or claim of discrimination.*

WHAT HAPPENED

Amendment 2 was placed on the ballot for the November 3, 1992 general election through the "initiative" process. This hate bill passed with 53% of the vote.

WHO DID IT

"2" was pushed by Colorado for Family Values (CFV), a militant fundamentalist group based in Colorado Springs. That city is now home to over 40 militant fundamentalist groups. They settled there mostly from California after the Colorado Springs city government enticed them with special incentives.

KEY PLAYERS

Notable backers of CFV were: Former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong; Colorado Springs Chrysler Dealer Will Perkins; University of Colorado Football Coach Bill McCartney, Denver Bronco Karl Mecklenburg. The supporters have close ties to Pat Robertson's world-wide militant fundamentalist movement and to the right-wing Traditional Values Coalition in California.

HOW THEY WON

CFV manipulated Colorado voters by calling basic civil rights "special rights." This deception even sucked into CFV's support system people who are not necessarily militant fundamentalists. This is the same old tired rhetoric Jessie Helms ranted and raved about over 30 years ago in his attempt to deny basic civil rights for blacks.

CFV capitalized on Colorado's ignorance and fear of gays and lesbians by producing homophobic TV commercials and an 8 page hate-filled tabloid. Even though Denver TV stations refused to air CFV's propaganda, 800,000 copies of their bigoted rag were delivered to targeted voters only days before the election! CFV's lies dehumanize gays and lesbians and push the special agenda of militant fundamentalists.

The fact remains: *civil rights* should never be tossed-up for majority

vote. Had the question of abolition of slavery been put to a popular vote, blacks would be little better off today. Amendment 2, in an act unprecedented in the history of the United States, singled out one group to deny basic protections other groups currently enjoy.

CAN IT BE UN-DONE?

Yes, and here are 3 ways:

1) thrown out as unconstitutional under the Colorado state constitution, not the U.S. constitution. A suit has been filed to begin this process. However, we will not call for an end to the boycott until civil rights for ALL has been written into the state Constitution. The legal battle is perceived as the slowest method, being dragged out for years. The CFV promise: to "take it all the way to the Supreme Court."

This route would also be costly. CFV has vast resources to help pay legal fees. CFV has already retained Pat Robertson's lawyers to fight.

2) overturned by a bill in the state legislature. The quickest way to get rid of the law, and one house member has said he will attempt this. The militant fundamentalists from Colorado Springs will lobby heavily against any such bill.

3) a ballot question to overturn it as early as the Fall of '93. Some fear this would be too soon, not allowing time to educate the electorate.

Boycott Actions You Can Do

— call 1-800-4BOYCOTT for the latest list of who to write —

BOYCOTT COLORADO TOURISM

- Mesa Verde National Park in Montezuma County. Voters there approved Amendment 2 by almost 80%!!! Chamber of Commerce, Cortez, Colorado 81321 303-565-3414.
- Stapleton International Airport in Denver. DO NOT travel on flights connecting through this airport. Every time a plane stops there with you on it, your tax dollars support bigotry and discrimination. Ask to be routed through a different city. Ask your friends to do the same.
- Grand Junction. In a county which voted overwhelmingly in favor of Amendment 2, Grand Junction itself has little to offer as a tourist attraction, but is a hub to travel destinations in the western part of the state. Chamber of Commerce, 303-242-3214.
- Great Sand Dunes National Monument. In the heart of bigoted voting. Call either the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce 1-719-852-2731 or Del Norte's Chamber 1-719-657-2845. Their votes were heavily in favor of the hate bill.
- Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the hotbed of hate which spawned Amendment 2. Colorado Springs Chamber at 719-635-7506 and tell them you will not support their economy because not only did people in Colorado Springs vote overwhelmingly in favor of Amendment 2, but *it was started there!!!*

ASK COMPANIES TO BOYCOTT COLORADO

- Ziff-Davis Publishing Company which is planning to move to Colorado and encourage them not to. Write: Ian McKinnon, Ziff-Davis Publishing, 1 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 212-503-5347 or FAX 212-503-3669.
- 3M, the giant company from Minnesota is thinking of locating a plant at Colorado Springs. Write: Lowell Ludford, 3M Center, Bldg. 225-15-15, St. Paul, MN 55144. 612-733-1110.

BOYCOTT COMPANIES TIED TO AMENDMENT 2

- Southern Pacific RR donated \$10,000
- Perkins Chrysler in Colorado Springs

DO NOT BUY PRODUCTS MADE IN COLORADO

- Coors Beer
- Holly Sugar
- Monfort Meats
- Samsonite Luggage

ASK THESE GROUPS TO CANCEL CONVENTIONS

- National Association of Hispanic Journalists Media Conference 4/14/93 Jose McMurray, Executive Director, 1193 Natl. Press Bldg, Ste. 634, Washington, DC 20045. 202-783-8228
- National Air Transportation Assoc., 4/26/93. Connie James, Mgr. of Meetings & Conferences, 4226 King St., Alexandria, VA 22303. 703-845-9000.
- American Chemical Society, 3/29/93. Christine Pruitt, Mgr. Natl. Meetings. 1155 - 16th St. NW, Ste. 420, Washington, DC 20036-4899. 202-872-4397.
- South Central Assoc. of Blood Banks, 3/6/93. Linnelle Wilson, Exc. Dir., PO Box 4679, Austin, TX 78765. 512-459-6600.
- Gen. Agents & Mgrs. Conference (Life Agency Mgt. Program), 3/21/93. JoAnn Kohler, Dir. of Mtgs. & Programs. 1922 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20006. 202-331-6088.

WRITE/FAX/CALL US & MAJOR MEDIA OUTLETS

When your group endorses the boycott or when you hold an anti-Amendment 2 demonstration, notify:

BOYCOTT COLORADO, INC., PO BOX 300158, DENVER, CO 80203-0158. 800-4-BOYCOTT OR FAX 303-733-6901.

The Denver Post, Michael Booth, PO Box 1709, Denver, CO 80201. 303-820-1201. Fax 820-1389.

The Rocky Mountain News, Thaddeus Herrick, PO Box 719, Denver, CO 80201. 303-892-2515. Fax 892-5123

Contact your local affiliate of the following:
ABC TV, CBS TV, NBC TV.

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- * Coors Beer
- * Healy Sugar
- * Mountain Meats
- * Samsonite Luggage

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- * National Association of Hispanic Journalists
Media Conference 4/14-15, Los Angeles
Executive Director, 1123 Hill, Press Bldg.
834 Washington, DC 20048 202-733-81

- * National Air Transportation Assoc. 4/15-16
Comin Janis, Mgr. of Meetings & Conventions
4335 King St., Alexandria, VA 22303 7
548-6000

- * American Chemical Society 5/15-17, Denver
Public Aff. Mgr. W. W. W. 1155 - 17th
NW, 6th 400 Washington, DC 20048-4
202-671-4387

- * South Central Assoc. of Blood Banks 5/16-17
Lynette Wilson, Sec. Dr., PO Box 4075
TX 75280 817-482-8800

- * Gen. Agents & Mfrs. Conference 5/18-19
Mgt. Program, 2127-23 John K. Rd.
Apt. 2, Princeton, NJ 08540 609-951-8088
Washington, DC 20008 202-691-8088

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When your group endorses the boycott or writes
to an editor/producer, please include the following:

BOYCOTT COLORADO, INC., PO BOX 200
DENVER, CO 80202 303-800-4-BOYCOTT
303-733-8801

The Denver Post, Mailed Order, PO Box 2
Denver, CO 80201 303-850-1201 Fax 303-4

The Rocky Mountain News, Theaters, Hotels
Box 518, Denver, CO 80201 303-862-2615
862-2123

Contact your local affiliate of the following:
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BOYCOTT COLORADO TOURISM

- * Place Visits National Park in Montezuma
County. Visitors there approved Amendment 2
by almost 60%!! Chapter of Commerce,
Cortez, Colorado 81321 800-552-3416

- * Stop! Stop! International Airport in Denver. DO
NOT wave on flights connecting through the
airport. Every time a plane lands there with you
on it, your tax dollars support Amendment 2 and
discrimination. Ask to be seated through a
different city. Ask your friends to do the same.

- * Grand Canyon. In a country which voted
overwhelmingly in favor of Amendment 2,
Grand Canyon itself has tried to offer as a
tourist attraction, but is a job to travel
destination in the western part of the state.
Chapter of Commerce, 300 1st St. S.

- * Great Sand Dunes National Monument. In the
heart of Grand Canyon. Get over the more
Vista Chapter of Commerce 1-7-8-85-1231
or Del Norte's Chapter 1-7-8-85-1245. These
votes were heavily in favor of the state bill.

- * Air Force Academy on Colorado Springs. The
need of state which approved Amendment 2
Colorado Springs Chapter at 718-552-1202
and tell them you will not support their economy
because not only did people in Colorado Springs
vote overwhelmingly in favor of Amendment 2,
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- * Ziff Davis Publishing Company which is planning
to move to Colorado and suggests that not
to. Write an Mckinstry, Ziff Davis Publishing,
1 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016 212
805-2343 or FAX 212-500-9468

- * 3M. The giant company from Minnesota is
thinking of locating a plant in Colorado Springs.
Write Lowell Luboff, 3M Center Bldg, 228-10
16 St. Paul, MN 55144 612-753-1110

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- * Southern Pacific RR chartered 410,000
to Pacific Chapter in Colorado Springs